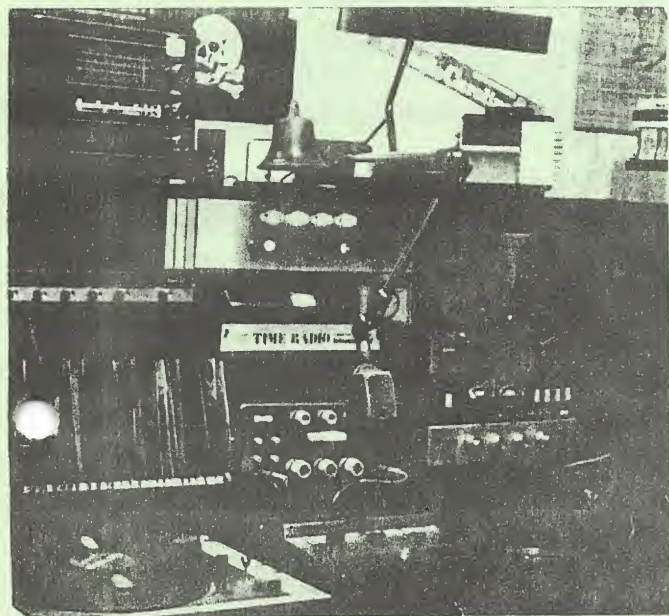


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SW News 1

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN UNKNOWN:

Radio Northsea International has not yet made their announced 2 - 5 KW increase or started broadcasts on the 3I metre band. The general opinion is that RNI must be using in the region of 300-400 watts and not 2 KW as claimed.

On August 7th. it was announced by DJ James Harding that RNI may in the future leave the current 6256 khz. for 6214 khz. or 6220 khz. He also said the station was planning to have stickers, pens and photos available shortly. Their mailing address is P.O. Box 41, Dedemsvaart, Holland.

Wonderful Radio Lucky Star (W.R.L.S) have made the following tests on 48 metres recently: 17th. July on 6222 khz. at 15.15 GMT and on the same day at 6260 khz at 15.43 GMT and also on 24th. July on 6280 khz. on 09.28 GMT.

All broadcasts were received with good-excellent strength. The short-wave power is 60 watts and the DJ's are Micky Weaver and Liane. The station also operates more regularly on 192 metres from 00.30 GMT with 150 watts.

WRLS use I3 The Chase, Crawley, Sussex and verify with a multi-coloured QSL Card.

ENGLAND:

Radio London International has made several unannounced tests of non-stop music and jingles. One proper programme was however made on July 3rd. with DJ Steve Rogers playing the usual heavy music format.

The transmitter power used is 15 watts and they use the Kent Place, Norwell, Newark, Notts address.

European Music Radio continues on 6265 khz. each third Sunday of the month. The schedule is 10.30-11.00 Barry Stephens Flashback Show, 11.00-11.30 Roger Tate's Mailbox Show, 11.30-12.00 German and Swedish programmes, 12.00-12.30 Steve Leonards Show.

The German DX Show is hosted by Rainer and the Swedish programme is hosted by Tony Cott. On August 21st. the station was announcing a Crawley phone number for instant reports. Station info. sheets are now available and some new QSL Cards will shortly will be introduced. The address is Kent Place, Norwell, Newark, Nottinghamshire.

Radio Sunshine has been heard on 6205 khz. and 6235 khz. with 90 watts. On Saturday July 16th they were on 6205 with parallel broadcasts on the 3I metre band and FM. Deejays are Johnnie Drake, The Farmer and Victor Hartford and the programmes are recorded in North London and South Humberside.

Although 3I metre band broadcasts have now been stopped, plans are underway for tests on 7.3 MHz. A QSL is available from the Kent Place address as used by EMR.

Radio Corsair continue to make regular broadcasts on 6245 khz. or 6270 khz. The former gives better than expected reception as the Utility beacon located in the USSR is currently inaudible.

In addition to Sundays, Corsair can very occasionally be heard on Saturdays. Reception of the station has recently improved as they now use a 90ft. end fed longwire which is far more efficient than the previous Joystick UFA antenna.

Radio Maniac broadcast a special offshore documentary on August 14th. to celebrate 10 years of the MOA. It was broadcast from 11.00-12.00 GMT and included the story of Offshore Radio 64-67 with many extracts. The station's good quality signal made the programme enjoyable listening.

The mailing address is Mr. E. Ryan, Thrifts Hall Farm, Theydon Bois, Essex.

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SW News 2

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ENGLAND:

KOL Europe plan to be testing again towards the end of the year in preparation for a regular service. The format will be all news covering such subjects as world politics and current affairs. However, some music will be played.

ABC England broadcast a special MOA Programme on 14th. August from 9.30-13.30 GMT (thirty minutes later than schedule) with Chris Cortez, Michael Ellis, Andy X and Gary Day each taking 1964-65-66-67 in turn, respectively playing records & offshore extracts from the year in question.

The first couple of hours were blocked by Station Mammot. ABC England's address is 42 Arran Close, Cambridge, England.

Skyport Radio have recently been broadcasting Chinese music in accordance with their taste for the unusual. You will remember a regular feature of their schedule used to be Mark King's Hindi Film Music - this has now been stopped.

Skyport can be heard most Sundays on or around 6250 khz. with Deejays Bob Earl, Rob Holland and Mark King. Their mailing address is 134 Eastworth Road, Chertsey, Surrey KT16 8DT, England.

Radio Solent City was heard on August 29th. using the facilities of Britain Radio's 1 KW transmitter. Broadcasts on 6280 khz. were terminated early due to technical troubles. Solent City were also heard on July 31st. and August 28th.

The station verify reports with a QSL Card, information sheet and stickers. The mailing address is 134 Eastworth Road, Chertsey, Surrey KT16 8DT.

WEST GERMANY:

The European Music Machine is a new station heard on August 21st. on an announced 6207 khz. The format was largely LP tracks and oldies with announcements in English and German.

They were first logged with good strength at 8.25 GMT and heard up until 10.00 when Radio Sunshine appeared on 6205 khz. causing a large amount of interference. Modulation quality of this broadcast was rather low at times but wasn't too bad. The station are contactable c/o PO. Box 512, D-4440 Rheine, West Germany.

Radio Channel 292 continue to be heard most months on 6220 khz. They were heard on August 7th. using 50 watts fed into a 3 metre half-wave dipole. Station deejays Rick and Conny present very good programmes in German and English, usually from 09.00 to 13.00 GMT.

On their July 31st. broadcast, the station was using a new address, that of PO. Box 41, Dedemsvaart, Holland.

Radio Wonderland International was heard for the first time on August 14th. on 6240 khz. DJ's were Dave West and Steve York. They hosted a number of fast moving programmes from 11.00-13.00 BST. The power used was 437 watts and a new 500 watt rig is under construction.

Their address is PO. Box 512, D-4440 Rheine, West Germany.

Radio Partisan has been heard recently on two new channels of 6230 and 6215 khz. A German DX Programme has recently been added to their usual format of heavy music. Partisan transmit with 120 watts but are fairly poor quality in England.

The station is usually on once or twice a month from 9.00-10.0 or 11.0 GMT. QSL Cards are now available along with stickers and information.

The mailing address is PO. Box 41, Dedemsvaart, Holland. 2 IRC's should be enclosed.

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SCANDINAVIA:

The Sound of Sweden as reported in FRW 5 has indeed a new I5 watt tx for use on the 48 metre band. Previously the station depended on relay stations like Radio Poseidon, Radio Saturnus, Johnnie Walker and a couple of others.

The current line-up is Glenn Roberts with Solid Gold and Letterbox, John Howenz with the SOS Radio Jazz Focus, Martin Swede Spectacular Show and the Jeff Anderson Super Show. An occasional DX/FR Programme is aired when enough information is available.

Studio One consists of 2 reel-reel tape recorders, 2 Cassette recorders, twin decks and a mixer. The I5 watt tx is built by the operator and is fed into a 4 metre high dipole.

Up to date SOS Radio have received I25 reports from DX'ers in nine countries. More than 50% of these have come from Sweden. A new QSL Card, stickers and info. will verify correct reports sent to SOS Radio, 40 Robinson Road, London SW17.

Radio Poseidon International is reported to have closed for good. Poseidon used to operate on 6205 and 6217 khz. from Sweden with I50 watts. They are a FRL member.

Radio Gambina from Finland is still active on 48 metres. They first hit the airwaves in April 1974 using a 30 watt tx. on 6235 khz. The station also used the name of Radio 240 when GPO activity was high in Finland.

Nowadays Gambina use a I0 watt tx. but with a very affective antenna have been logged in West Germany. The mailing address is PO.Box 46, n-6650 Surnadal, Norway. Frequencies used are either 6200 or 6258 khz.

Radio Bee is back on the air for the first time since a raid in Finland. Bee first appeared at the start of 1975 planning broadcasts on 6512 khz. or 6235 khz. using I0 watts. They later closed in 1976.

Now they have returned around 6200 khz. with 40 watts. Although previously an FRL member station, they left the organisation and now use PO.Box 50, Oude Pekela, Holland.

Radio Black Woods is another Finish 48 metre pirate. They have been operating several years now. The power is believed to be 25 watts. They used to belong to the FRL but had their membership cancelled due to their political views: in fact they were Nazi's and their QSL Card bore a picture of Hitler! This of course was against FRL Policy as all stations were required to be politically neutral (which is quite right of course). Another Finish station Radio Universal, which was dismissed by the FRL at the same time, is also believed to be active.

Radio North Int. have changed their name to Radio Galaxy. We understand that as of yet they do not own a transmitter but are hoping to have programmes relayed via other European stations. They use the FRL Surnadal address.

The Night Gallery Network operates in Finland on Sundays. The following are members: Radio Piratinga with Tango music on 6235 khz. with I5/35 watts. DJ is Herbert Hertz.

Radio Flamingo with Pop Music on 6205 with I5 watts. DJ is Charles Bondon.

Fox Radio with Rock Music on 6272 khz. with I5/25 watts. DJ is Johnnie the Fox.

Radio Night Gallery on 6275 khz. with 30 watts.

Radio Bambino on 6250 khz. with 30 watts. DJ's are Robertson and Radix.

All stations use po.Box 41, Dedemsvaart, Holland as their mailing address.

Playboy Radio is active with 35 watts on 6203 khz. DeeJays are Peter & Co, John Jnr and Andrew. The mailing address is c/o FRL Norway.

Also using the FRL address is Rainbow Radio on 6213, 6225 or 6230 khz. with 90 w.

SCANDINAVIA:

Danish station Radio Viking is broadcasting every Sunday from 10.00 until 10.45 GMT on either 6225 or 6240 khz. A DX' Show is broadcast at 10.30 and listeners are requested to send news.

The TX is an ex-naval unit which has a power of 50 watts fed into a 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ m dipole. The first transmission was on August 7th. Stickers and a QSL verify reports sent to Kent Place, Norwell, Newark, Nottinghamshire.

HOLLAND:

Free Fighting Radio Station will be making irregular transmissions on 48 metres. The two deejays are Michael Stevens and Oscar Hansson.

The mailing address is PO.Box 77, Raalte, Holland.

Radio Zender Orion were heard with excellent strength on 31st. July. It was their first transmission and reception was excellent. They were logged at 10.15 BST on 6225 khz. with pop music interspersed with announcements in Dutch.

The mailing address announced was PO.Box 34, Varsseveld, Holland.

Radio Verona International continue to cause a nuisance of themselves on various 48 metre band frequencies. We suggest that everyone writes and urges the station to tighten up on their poor technical standard.

The address is PO.Box 81, Vroomshoop, Holland.

Time Radio International has been making tests on the 75 metre band and 31 metre band. The 75m broadcasts are on 4970 khz. from 20.00 GMT one night a week. Tests are also made on 9940 khz, 31 metres from 05.00 to 09.00 on Fridays and one night a week from 22.00-01.00.

As ever, Time Radio's address is PO.Box 2061, Eindhoven, Holland. A QSL Card, stickers and information sheet are sent to verify all correct reception reports. It is also rumoured that TRI broadcast from West Germany.

Station Mammut (Mammoth) has been on the air most weeks recently on various 48 m channels with 100 watts output. The first broadcast took place on May 8th. using just 10 watts. The station has a format of non stop Pop/Rock music and irregular announcements in Dutch and English. Their modulation quality is sometimes fairly good and on other occasions very poor. Frequency drift has been noted on several broadcasts (very Verona like).

A QSL Card and letter is available from PO.Box 218, Almelo, Holland. On 14th. August Mammut's strong and poorly modulated signal completely blocked ABC Englands special MOA transmission for the first couple of hours on 6270 khz.

There are unlikely to be anymore Graham Gill and Bob Noakes specials on Radio Iris as broadcast on July 3rd. This is due to Graham's worries of how it might effect his position at Radio Nederland and Bob is now working in Luxembourg.

The programmes proved very popular and pulled in a lot of letters. Radio Iris may try and get Bob to do another programme if he returns to Amsterdam on a visit.

A test was heard on August 26th. on 6205 khz. with a simltaneous outlet on FM. Reports should be sent to PO.Box 2036, Amsterdam, Holland.

SOUTHERN IRELAND (EIRE):

The S.B.B.S (Skull and Bone Broadcasting System) were heard for the first time on 28th. August at 10.40 CET on 6265 khz. Programmes were fast moving and were presented by a series of professional deejays in English.

A QSL Card will verify reports along with an info. sheet. The mailing address is S.B.B.S c/o 13 The Chase, Crawley, Sussex. The power used is around 65 watts.

+++ abc europe 6250 khz. +++

Without doubt ABC Europe was one of the most popular 48 metre pirates. Here is a full account of their two years and six months on the air.

The first test transmission from ABC Europe was heard on May 27th. on 6275 khz. with only 8 watts of power. Further tests were made on 6225, 6235, 6240, 6250 and 6300 khz. as well as some frequencies in the 41 metre band. The station was located in Rotterdam, and the operator was Danny Thomas. A mailing address was given as P.O. Box 9363, Den Haag, Holland.

On February 1st. 1974 the station started regular broadcasts on 6252 khz. (announced as 6250 khz). They had been joined by Theo Venstraten (Stan Evans), Dave Hanleigh (Lee Alvin) and Poul Dane of World Music Radio, which had been closed by Dutch PTT the previous August. Power output was now 30 watts and it was not long until a steady listenership was formed.

On February 4th. the station moved location from Rotterdam to Etten-Leur where it remained up until the end. The programme schedule was: -08.00 Stan Evans, 09.00 Danny Thomas Spectacular, 10.00 Poul Dane, 11.00 Lee Alvin, 12.00 German Service and close-down at 13.00. A monthly DX'Corner was presented between 08.45 and 9.00.

The station's slick format, tailor-made jingles and familiar DJ's made the station immensley popular with free radio listeners, and the station topped 1974 popularity polls. No Harrassment from the PTT had yet been suffered by ABC Europe. Despite its popularity it would seem they were unaware of it's existence.

Broadcast continued throughout 1974 every week from 08.00 to 13.00 sometimes with a break from 10.00 to 11.00. In October 1974 a new 100 watt tx. made by Collins was brought into operation.

The station entered into 1975 and still had no interference from the PTT. This was an example of ABC Europe's excellent technical standards not provoking complaints from other countries.

On May 4th. ABC Europe tested on 6230 khz. from 13.09-14.05 GMT. Except in Britain, reception on this channel was poorer than 6252 khz, so the station decided to stay on this channel.

In July 1975 a series of DX'Programmes produced and presented by RNI Goes DX host A.J Beirens were broadcast. It was aired at first from 09.30 to 10.00 but later increased to an hour. On August 31st. a special four hour long documentary covering offshore history 1958-1974 was broadcast from 10.00-14.00 GMT. The programmes, which were produced by AJ and Pierre Desyne, featured extracts from every offshore station ever to broadcast. It made enjoyable listening and was probably the longest offshore documentary ever broadcast.

On September 7th. the DJ team had an addition in the form of Rob Ronder (ex-Atlantis, Mi Amigo and Veronica) who presented a weekly show. A new schedule had emerged: -08.00 ABC Goes International Part One with Danny Thomas, 09.00 ABC DX with A.J (on tape), 10.00 Poul Dane Show, 11.00 Lee Alvin, 12.00 Stan Evans for Lunch, 13.00 Sir Rob Ronder and 14.00 ABC Goes International Part Two with Danny Thomas. The closedown was at 15.00 GMT and news was now broadcast on the hour and offshore info. on the half hour. All programmes were broadcast live except AJ's which was recored in Belgium.

However, the station was now nearing its end. At the start of November 1975 the Dutch PTT received contacts from England and Finland about a shortwave transmitter in the 48 metre band on an unauthorised channel believed to be located in Holland. ABC was also an item on the agenda at an International conference being held in Finland at the time. The PTT got to work and the conclusion was reached that ABC Europe was located in Rotterdam but the precise location could not be found-the station stayed on the air.

And so to Sunday November 16th. 1975. The PTT tracked the station to Etten-Leur and at 11.58 the station's studio was entered by Dutch PTT and Police. Danny Thomas broadcast the final ABC Newsflash: "Due to GPO activities ABC Europe is forced to closedown. Many thanks to the thousands of listeners who tuned in every Sunday, and also my thanks to the people who have written in. Finally my thanks to all the staff of ABC Europe for making ABC Europe No. One in the 49m Hobby Band. This has been the final ABC Newsflash".

That was followed by a jingle and closedown. All studio equipment was taken along with the 100 watt transmitter.

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===== (continued). However a chance still remained. An offer was made by ABC England, which at the time was a new station, to broadcast pre-recorded ABC Europe programmes over their highly successful 8 watt tx. on ABC Europe's frequency. It was hoped that these broadcasts would start just two weeks after the raid. It was later learnt from Danny Thomas that too much studio gear had been confiscated to make it possible to produce programmes. The project fell through and ABC Europe was not heard again.

Later ABC joined up with WMR who were negotiating with Radio Andorra for legal air-time. That is a very different story!!

Studio: 2 Lenco turntables, 2 Akai Tape Decks, One Six Channel mixer, 1 Akai reel-to-reel tape recorder, 1 Electronic DS35 mic and 2 compressors. Transmitter: Manufactured by Collins with a 100 watt output.

Ian Biggar.

THE BIG 'D'

Radio Dublin is the longest surviving of all Irish pirates and almost a household name in the capital city. To appreciate their success and status, one must consider that they claim an audience of over 70,000. Although a little optimistic, there is no question that the Big D' has a very large following.

The story starts in 1966, when Ked Edwards and Prince Terry started very irregular, low powered transmissions. Nothing much happened until 1974. Doctor Don as his bride-to-be Debbie joined, shortly followed by Captain Cook the station's engineer and public relations man.

In early 1975 the transmitting gear was worth only a meagre £100 which only managed to cover part of the city. Due to a lot of hard work, Radio Dublin started to progress. By early 1976 the station was broadcasting for five hours every Sunday afternoon and covering the whole of Dublin. At the same time Doctor Don started up an international service called Westside Radio International on 6210 khz. This was to continue broadcasting for several months every Sunday morning.

In June 1976 the staff and listeners of Radio Dublin organised a protest march from GPO Buildings in Leinster House, where a 10,000 signature petition was handed over. The station requested a broadcast licence, but was not surprisingly refused.

On September 15th. that year Dr. Don's home at Killala Road, Dublin was raided by Post Office and Gardia. A lot of equipment was removed, but returned when it was decided by officials not to press charges. After the raid Captain Cook built and modified equipment to increase the station's service area. This resulted in another rise in popularity, and it was therefore decided to start a Radio Dublin listeners Club. For a subscription members would receive a quarterly newsletter, record discounts and cut price entrance to discos and meetings.

At the same time The Captain and Doctor Don rowed over station policy, the situation being relieved when Don left the station to look after his business, and a newly born baby girl, Tracy.

The present: The Big D' Staff are: -Engineer/Publicity Man Captain Cook, Dee Jays Sylvia, Jimmy St. Ledger, Johnny Day, The Duke and Alister Mac. The Big D' hopes to restart nighttime transmissions on Wednesdays at 11.45 BST, and these may well be heard here in Britain and Europe.

There are also plans to start a short-wave service* for international listeners. A recent boost in their fight for a licence comes from the top Irish pop paper "Scene". They recently featured a double page spread on the station and as from July 27th. have been involved with compiling a special programme.

Other support comes from Irish record companies, and even from Belfast's IBA station Downtown Radio. The Big D's address is 20 Ranelagh, Dublin 6, Eire.

*A station called Westside Radio was recently heard on 6205 and 6210 khz. It is believed to be the International service of Radio Dublin.

(our thanks to Pat Healy for the cutting and information which made this article possible).

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International MW News.

International DX'Logbook

Station.....	Date....	Time....	Freq(khz)....	SINPO....	C....	L.....	REPLY....	Fo.....
Tom Cat Radio	7/7	01.11	1331 khz	44444	S	D.E.G	C.L.S	P.O.T
Radio Duckbird	9/7	00.19	1328 khz	32333	S	E.D.G	U	P.O.T
Tom Cat Radio	10/7	00.00	1331 khz	44444	S	D.E.G	C.L.S	P.O.T
Radio Centrale	10/7	00.20	1313 khz	34444	S	D.E.G	PC.L	O.T
R.Black Shadow	17/7	00.13	1313 khz	33333	S	D.E.G	PC.L.S	O.
R.Belinda Int.	17/7	00.22	1315 khz	12231	S	E.	U	O.P
R.Moonlight.	17/7	00.25	1331 khz	44444	S	D.E.G	C.S.L	O.P.T
R.Merel	24/7	00.07	1330 khz	23222	S	D.F	C.	O.P.T
R.Hawaii	7/8	00.03	1330 khz	43333	S	D.E.G	C.L.S	O.P.T
R.Johnnie Walker	21/8	00.17	1322 khz	33233	S	D.E.G	C.L	O.P.T
R.Duckbird	27/8	00.00	1331 khz	22222	E	D.E.G	U.	P.O.T
R.Centrale	27/8	00.40	1313 khz	44454	E	D.E.G	PC.L	P.O.T
R.Mexico	3/9	00.10	1331 khz	33333	E	D.	U	QSO
R.Barones	3/9	00.13	1331 khz	24332	E	D.	U	QSO
R.Santiago	3/9	00.59	1324 khz	33353	E	D.E.G	C	P.O

Key: C=Country Heard(S=Scotland,E=England) L=Language(D=Dutch,E=English,G=German).
Reply(C=Card,L=Letter,S=sticker,PC=Postcard,U=Reply Unknown)Fo=Format(P=Pop,
O=Oldies,T=Traditional).

Addresses: Rocky Mountain,Centrale,Black Shadow c/o PO.Box 77,Raalte,Holland.
Duckbird,c/o PO.Box 31,Emmercompascuum,Holland.
Hawaii,Merel,Moonlight c/o PO.Box 25,Emmercompascuum,Holland.
Barones,Mexico c/o PO.Box 53,Vorden,Holland.
Tom Cat c/o PO.Box 47,Oude Pekela,Holland.
Johnnie Walker c/o Meerstraat 43,Emmen,Holland.
Santiago c/o PO.Box 127,Doetinchem,Holland.

Additional News: Tom Cat R.returned on 7/7 and 10/7.On the later broadcast a phone number was given for instant requests.On a previous broadcast a call was received from Schevenigen Radio.At first the operator was scared but it was only a call for a Dutch fisherman at sea who wanted a request for his family played over the air.
Radio Belinda heard on 17/7 claimed to be broadcasting from a boat,the MV Zodiac 16 km off the European coast with a power of 10 KW ! An address in Essex was given. These same claims were made by a station called Radio Landor earlier this year.
Johnnie Walker made a short broadcast on 21/7 in which he said hello to those he met at Flashback 67'.He also said hello to all FRW readers ! Hi to you Johnnie !
Radio Benelux the short-wave pirate hopes to make nighttime tests on 227 metres in the near future.QSL Cards and a mini-poster will verify correct reports.
Radio Mexico was heard on 3/9 QSO'ng with Radio Barones on 1331 khz.

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" C O D W A R O F T H E A I R W A V E S " F R O M T H E O B S E R V E R

Radio Luxembourg had better watch out.Soon it may not be the only major commercial radio station beaming across Europe.The Faroe Islands Parliment is actively considering operating a giant 200 KW station that would be heard on the medium-wave band throughout Britain and North Europe from next summer.

Mr. N.J Argre,director of Faroe Islands Radio,which at present has a tiny 5 KW transmitter that barely reaches the 200 miles South-east to the Shetlands,told me last week,'Parliment will decide wether to go ahead.We have permission to use the wavelength as a result of the Geneva congress in 1975.But it will not interfere with any British station,it will be broadcasting at about 600khz(near R.4)if and when it starts.

(information supplied by D.Ayres from the 24/7 issue of "The Observer".

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*Let the truth be know. Radio Landor, operated by a irish guy,living close to Country Cavan, using a TX (A15 - 10 watts) this is just a play around ego trip station, antenna used 200 ft C & W music into a "Crystal microphone" can not and well not QSL.
R. Belinda same as above.

ABC ENGLAND

ABC England's second birthday on September 3rd. turned very sour, due to jamming, technical difficulties and finally a severe raid.

ABC was broadcasting from a hillside near Saffron Walden in Essex. The aerial was strung between two disused telegraph poles, with the co-ax cable being fed down into a car where the 40 watt transmitter, cassette machine and other equipment were placed.

Shortly after 12.10 BST a black estate car with a whip aerial was seen on the private approach road to the location.

The lookout quickly ran back to the site warning the other crew members of Mr. Hawkin's imminent arrival. He and another operator fled across fields to safety with the crystal, PA Valve and programme tape. En route they were forced to squeeze through Barbed wire fences and thick hedges.

Meanwhile the other crew member had disconnected the transmitter which was now lacking a crystal and valve (technically not a transmitter) and had started up his car. However, GPO Official Mr. Hawkins had now run up the access road and was blocking the route. On Hawkin's right was a building and on his left a tractor.

The operator decided to drive between the official and the tractor, but due to lack of space struck his front wing resulting in severe damage to the car.

Despite this, he managed to continue and drove onto the main road. He had only gone a few hundred yards when, due to the damage the steering suddenly seized up and he was forced to stop. Meanwhile Hawkins and his assistants had followed and made an attempt to search his car. The operator at first refused entry as no search warrant was produced.

Hawkins then drove to Saffron Walden and returned with a local policeman who persuaded the operator to open his car, from which a 40 watt transmitter was removed. Several other items were taken from the location: yellow nylon rope, a copper aerial wire, co-ax feeder and a ballun.

Hawkins took the drivers name and address, picture and a shot of the damaged car. He added that he would be taking out a private summons for attempted bodily harm.

Meanwhile, the other members of the crew had been hiding under the cover of a hedge for over an hour. Luckily they were not even spotted by Hawkins and his Dynamic Duo.

There are two important factors to consider, (i) The station had closed down before the officials arrived and (ii) The confiscated tx was not legally definable as a transmitter because it was minus both crystal and PA Valve. With such flimsy evidence a successful prosecution seems rather doubtful.

A station spokesman said the reason for the raid were probably that the groundwave was in listening range of the GPO tracking station in Colchester and it was also ABC's second birthday.

If this raid wasn't enough, ABC's signal had been plagued with jamming by carriers and morse as well as being over-modulated. All these factors ruined reception of the DX Bulletin and part of the special second anniversary show.

However, ABC have told us that this raid makes them even more determined to stay on the air and not to be caught again. Indeed, broadcasts will be going out as per normal in October with a considerable increase of power.

ABC England was also raided during October 1976 on their first birthday. Several members were prosecuted and equipment, including a 225 watt transmitter was confiscated.

FREE RADIO WAVES 7: Lined up for issue seven, we have features on Radio Gemini, Britain Radio as well as an exclusive interview with ABC England DJ' Chris Cortez. Also included will be the usual features: -SW, MW & VHF Pirate News.

Order your copy now from FRW, Flagstones, West Heath Lane, Sevenoaks, Kent TN13 1TA.

FREE RADIO MAGAZINE ISSUE 9: All in Dutch, with a feature on Flashback 67, Radio Veronica and the latest pirate news from Holland and Europe. Send 3 IRC's for a copy to PO. Box 10252, Amsterdam, Holland.

Hi! To Alfred and Jose who we met at Flashback 67' In August.

what the deejays say....

At the recent Flashback 67' convention, we asked several well known offshore deejays the simple question - "What do you think of landbased pirate radio"? We received some very interesting and forthright answers:

Graham Gill: As far as I'm concerned they're very good. I work on a station called Radio Mercurius, based in Amsterdam, which is an extremely good station and a great deal of fun. You might have heard me recently on another station, Radio Iris.

As long as the operators provide regular and professional programmes, they can do no harm, only a lot of good.

A.J. Beirens/Michael O: I was on ABC Europe for a while with my DX'Show-ABC DX. Landbased pirates can't be taken that seriously but they do put out some useful broadcasts. ABC for instance were extremely professional.

Editor: Do you think they further the 'fight for free radio'?

A.J.: Yes, anything which keeps people interested must be doing something for the cause.

Editor: Would you ever consider being involved with other landbased pirates?

A.J.: Yes, I think so. But it would only be on the same basis as for ABC-a DX Programme.

Robb Eden: I have 'nt really bothered to think that deeply.... I suppose I'll have to say that as far as I'm concerned their broadcasts do no useful purpose. Programmes are very poor and usually put out by schoolboys.

Mark Stuart: As long as programmes are professional and regular, I'm all for landbased pirates. I used to be involved with a station in Brighton a while ago. We had quite good response and I enjoyed being involved.

Andy Archer: Some stations are quite quality and have reasonable programmes. These are doing a good service and I'm all for it. However, there are far more irresponsible operators who cause a lot of interference and don't know how to use a microphone properly.

Alan West: They're doing no good at all... a waste of time.

The "Admiral" Robbie Dale: Well, I must admit that I've never heard any landbased pirates, although I've been told all about them. I suppose I'll have to say I'm in favour of them if people bother to listen.

I think the idea of them being chased by the GPO is rather fun. I had to put up with it on Caroline so perhaps it's somebody else's turn.

Ronan O'Rahilly: I'm not one for quotes... ask Johnny. Johnny Jason: I think they're very exciting and I'm all in favour of them. What I think is particularly good is the way in which they keep up an interest in free radio and also entertain.

But I can't really see them achieving much.

Mark Roman: I don't like them at all.

Greg Bance: I realise that the people running them are doing a service, but I don't really feel they can achieve anything or be taken that seriously... on the other hand perhaps I'm wrong?

Paul Holingsdale: I don't really know much about them, but I like the idea.

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PIRATE

NEWS.

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Radio Elaine was heard on 197 metres over the August Bank Holiday. The power used was 7 watts and broadcasts were made from 08.00 until 18.00. Another transmission may be made in the next few weeks.

Radio Elanor was heard on a number of channels between 1331 khz. and 1358 khz. on Bank Holiday Monday. Programmes featured oldies but were constantly interrupted by numerous technical faults. At one stage the station was unknowingly jamming London Music Radio. No address or phone number was given out.

Radio Michelle was another new station heard over the Bank Holiday period on 227 mts, 1331 khz. during the afternoon. Reception was good despite over-modulation and intermittent breaks. Like Elanor, no means of contact was given out.

st London Radio recently featured in a one page article for a local newspaper. The article told the story and aims of ELR, illustrated with pictures of the DeeJays and transmitting equipment.

Meanwhile, the station will soon be broadcasting on 235 metres instead of 201 metres. The changeover will take place during September.

Radio Galaxy was logged in London on 24/7. They were heard at 11.55 GMT on 1133 khz. with a programme of Album tracks. An address in Walthamstow was announced.

Back Stree Radio has been heard on several occasions in London with good strength on 226 metres, 1326 khz. Shows were very un-professional but consisted of progressive and Punk Music. Back Street Radio has formerly operated as Radio Clandestine and Capital Radio 195.

GPO Official fined: Last month we carried the good news that GPO official Eric Gotts was fined £75 costs and given a one year conditional discharge. More details are now available: The incident responsible for the fine occurred at a Radio Jackie location, during a raid.

Tony Collis, a Jackie member, made a sudden grab for the transmitter. A scuffle broke out in which Collis suffered a black eye. The fine and conditional discharge will be appealed against later this year.

Kountryside Radio have announced their intentions to start broadcasts on 1277 khz, 200 metres towards the end of the year.

Deejays are Terry St. John and Robert Roy. This is the proposed schedule and programme content: 8.45 Test Music, 9.00-10.00 Top Five & LP Tracks, 10.00-11.00 Local news & Information, "Whats-on", local groups etc.. 11.00-12.00 Specialist Music & Offshore tapes.

The tx is 20 watts and crystal controlled to 1277 khz. The mailing address will be 13 The Chase, Crawley, Sussex. Operations will be in the Kent area.

Radio Telstar South continue to transmit every Sunday evening between 7.00 & 8.00 PM in super quality FM. The format is 100 % oldies, presented by DeeJays Horace Cracksman, Kenny Myres, Mark Ashton, Kid Johnson and Dave Reading.

The mailing address for stickers is 148 George Lane, Lewisham, London.
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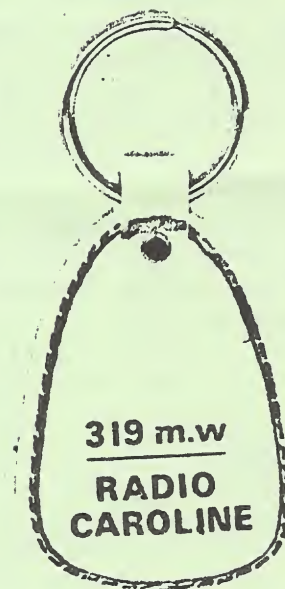
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RADIO JACKIE & BBC I:
London station, Radio Jackie featured on the BBC current affairs programme "Nationwide" The ten minute report showed the staion putting up their wire aerial, actually broad-casting and recording programmes in their back-bedroom studio.

Featured speaking were Abie Cohen, Neil Saxon and Chief-DJ Mike Knight.

A fuller report on this will be featured in FRW 7.

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RNI ON THE MOVE ?!?:

Reliable sources inform us that the Mebo 2, former home of RNI, is now off ~~on 6260 K~~ ~~no~~

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Sutch back on the air

RADIO SUTCH one of the original British pop pirates returned to air on Sunday on the tenth anniversary of the Marine Offences (Broadcasting) Act.

The station was operating from a secret site in London and broadcast for about four hours on VHF, short and medium waves, before developing technical difficulties. They hope to be on the air again for the August Bank Holiday period.

For a report on the free radio conference see page 9.

Extra News (2) MW & SW

SW LATEST.....

Radio Verona was raided during August, while transmitting near Eindhoven, close to the German border. The station was transmitting from the back of a lorry and were able to get away quite easily.

Santana Radio has been heard on 6270 khz. and 6240 khz. during September. The first broadcast jammed ABC England.

As with most Dutch stations, the programmes were both badly presented and in-audible. Santana's address is P.O. BOX 218, Almelo, Holland (The same as Radio Mammoth).

Radio Benelux was heard on September 18th. on 6240 khz. between 10.50 and 11.30 BST. Programmes were in English and featured progressive music.

The deejay announced that "something special" was lined up for their nighttime service on 227 metres which will begin shortly. A QSL Card and mini-poster are available from P.O. Box 41, Dedemsvaart, Holland.

Radiozender Orion's first sw test was made from West Germany and resulted in 38 reports from a total of 7 countries.

Orion also transmit from Holland at weekends on 227 metres and verifies reports with a station QSL Card and letter.

The SW Power is 50-100 watts and this is fed into a 2 x 11.5 metre dipole. The mailing address is P.O. Box 54 (not 34 as reported elsewhere), Varsseveld, Holland.

Radio Titanic International was transmitting on 7th. August on 6237.5 and 6217 khz and again on 4th. September with an oldies programme in English at 12.10 CET on 6235.

A new tx and aerial system were being used on the later transmission. Reports for this German station should be sent to 134 Eastworth Road, Chertsey, Surrey KT16 8DT.

Radio Sylvania recently verified their furthest report from a listener in Scotland. Their verification consists of a photo/QSL which shows their studio.

Sylvania have three transmitters: One 250 watt, one 150 watt and one 15 watt mobile u nit. Their mailing address is P.O. Box 50, Oude Pekela, Holland.

Radio Northsea International (disguised as "The Free Radio Broadcasting Unit" was heard on 18th. September testing on 6214 and 6260 khz. with excellent strength. The later broadcast swamped European Music Radio for ten minutes.

One irc should be sent for a reply to Steve Day, P.O. Box 41, Dedemsvaart, Holland.

MW LATEST.....

Radio Dolphin was logged on September 18th. between 00.55 CET and 01.00 CET on 227 metres and announced P.O. Box 77, Raalte, Holland. Announcements were in Dutch and English with traditional music being played.

Radio Rocy Mountain operate on 230 metres with 180 watts, fed into a 70 metre long-wire, 15 metres high. Broadcasts in English are under the Rocky Mountain callsign and in Dutch on 240 metres as Radio Ponderosa.

A sticker and letter verify reports sent to P.O. Box 77, Raalte, Holland.

FRW BLACKLIST.....: Stations we do not support and the reasons why! RADIO VERONA (poor shows, poor signal, jam other stations, un-scheduled tx's): SANTANA RADIO (poor shows, poor signal, drift and jam other stations): RADIO MAMMOTH (poor modulation and jam other stations): RADIO CENTRALE (continually poor modulation). Nearly on the list is Radio Northsea, for recently jamming EMR and changing their name !

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